

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 Claim 1. (*Currently Amended*) A floating aluminum box to protect dock workers,
2 comprising:

3 a watertight cube having a front wall, back wall, two opposing sidewalls extending
4 between the front and back walls, top wall and a bottom wall;

5 an inner pipe extending between the front and back walls;

6 an outer pipe concentrically disposed around the inner pipe extending between the front
7 and back walls;

8 a first plurality of bracing plates extending radially outward between the inner pipe and
9 the outer pipe;

10 a second plurality of bracing plates extending radially outward between the outer pipe
11 and the walls of the cube.

1 Claim 2. (*Original*) The floating aluminum box according to claim 1, further comprising
2 a handle attached to the top wall of the cube.

1 Claim 3. (*Original*) The floating aluminum box according to claim 1, further comprising
2 two eye brackets attached to the two sidewalls and extending above the top wall of the cube.

1 Claim 4. (*Original*) The floating aluminum box according to claim 1, wherein each of
2 the walls of the cube has a length of about eighteen inches.

1 Claim 5. (*Original*) The floating aluminum box according to claim 1, wherein the cube is
2 constructed of 1/4" thick aluminum plate.

1 Claim 6. (*Original*) The floating aluminum box according to claim 1, wherein the inner
2 pipe has a diameter of about four inches.

1 Claim 7. (*Original*) The floating aluminum box according to claim 1, wherein the outer
2 pipe has a diameter of about ten inches.

1 Claim 8. (*Currently Amended*) The floating aluminum box according to claim 1, wherein
2 the first plurality of bracing plates and the second plurality of bracing plates are 1/4" thick
3 aluminum plate.

1 Claim 9. (*Currently Amended*) The floating aluminum box according to claim 1, wherein
2 the front wall of the cube has a recess defined therein concentric with the inner ~~concentric~~ pipe in
3 order to form a handhold.

1 Claim 10. (*Original*) The floating aluminum box according to claim 9, further
2 comprising a bar spanning the recess adapted for use as a handle.

1 Claim 11. (*Original*) A method of protecting dockworkers that have fallen between two
2 barges using the floating aluminum box of claim 1, comprising the step of placing the box in
3 water between the two barges.